

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 as described in the attached claim amendment.

Please add claim 6 as described in the attached claim amendment.

No new matter is added in the amendment.

REMARKS

I. Claim 1 was objected for having two sentences.

In response, claim 1 is redrafted to include single sentence.

II. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 were rejected as failing to comply with the first and second paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 112.

In response, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are redrafted to eliminate the rejected expressions.

III. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 were rejected as being anticipated by Hessert (2,337,161).

In response, claim 1 is amended to further include the element, ‘a ball bearing (35) that is positioned in the hole of the activation plate and engages with the screw groove of the activation axis.’ The ball bearing is described in paragraph 22 of the original specification. The balls of the ball bearing (35) of the activation plate (34) engage with the screw groove (33) of the activation axis (32) to facilitate the ascending and descending of the activation plate (34) when the activation axis (32) is rotated. Figs. 2 and 3 clearly show that the balls engage with the screw groove. The balls engaging with screw groove are neither disclosed nor implied by the cited references.

IV. Claim 6 is added to claim the invention wherein the activation device is operated manually.

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CONCLUSION

The applicant believes that the objections and rejections were obviated by the amendment of specification and claims, and the application is now in condition for allowance: therefore, reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectively requested. If there are any additional comments or requirements from the examination, the applicant asks for a non-final office action.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any over-payment to Deposit Account No. 16-0310.

Respectfully submitted,



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